

**Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey**

Accomack

DHR Id#: 001-0027-0055

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): WFF # F-027 - Paper Shredder Facility
{ Current}
Property Date: 1947
Address(s): Bond Street { Current}
County/Independent City: Accomack
Vicinity of: Chincoteague
State, Zip: Virginia 23337
USGS Quad Name: CHINCOTEAGUE WEST
Surrounding area: Rural

National Register Eligibility Status

Property is Historic (50 years or older)

Resource Description

Ownership Status: Public - Federal
Acreage: 0.5

Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:

| <u>Component</u> | <u>Comp Type/Form</u> | <u>Material</u> | <u>Material Treatment</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Chimneys | Chimneys - None | | |
| Foundation | Foundation - Slab | Concrete | Foundation - Poured |
| Porch | Porch - None | | |
| Roof | Roof - Flat | | Roof - Not visible |
| Structural System | Structural System - Masonry | Brick | Structural System - Stretcher Bond |
| Windows | Window - Industrial | Plastic | Windows - Original Replaced |

Site Description: Set in a level area behind F-8 (001-0027-0050).

WUZIT Count:

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Wuzit Types</u> | <u>Historic?</u> |
|------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Machine Shed | Historic |

NR Resource Count:

Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: Machine Shed

Est. Date of Construction: 1947 {Owner/written data} Accessed? No Not accessible
Primary Resource? Yes Number of Stories: 1.0
Architectural Style: Other Condition: Fair
Interior Plan Type: Undivided Space (non-domestic) Threats to Resource: Demolition
Deterioration
Neglect

Description: This square, one-story brick structure has a poured concrete slab foundation and a flat roof; the roof materials are not visible. The east and west walls extend above the height of the north and south walls and are capped with aluminum flashing. The brick is laid in stretcher bond. The original windows have been removed and replaced with a plexi-glass insert on the west elevation and a plywood board on the east. A set of metal replacement double doors is located on the south elevation. A metal apparatus on the west side supports a metal funnel that is attached to metal piping which leads into the center of the roof.

Cemetery Information

Bridge Information

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Historic Context(s): Military/Defense

Historic Time Period(s):..... S- The New Dominion (1941- Present)

Significance Statement: This small building, built in 1947, originally functioned as a vibration test shop. The building is identified as "F-27" on the 1950 "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" prepared by the U.S. Navy. It was called the "Vibrator Test Stand" on the 1953 "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by the U.S. Navy. It was again identified as "F-27B" in the 1957 "General Development Plan – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by U.S. Navy. It currently functions as a paper shredding facility. It is located behind the Plating Shop (001-0027-0050, WFF # F-8) and is grouped with other industrial buildings on the Wallops Flight Facility (WFF).

This building is an example of a secondary industrial property type that gained importance in the New Dominion (1941-present) period and was one of several structures built on CNAAS following the end of World War II. Established in 1943, CNAAS was used as a training base for Navy aircraft carrier squadrons that would be serving in the Pacific theater of World War II, and to enable Civil Air Patrol to conduct antisubmarine operations off the Atlantic coast. In 1946, the U.S. Navy expanded the mission of CNAAS to include the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). By 1949, the U.S. Navy discontinued aircraft carrier training and in 1951 CNAAS became a Naval Air Facility, with a primarily-research based mission that corresponded with the mission of NAOTS until the base was closed in 1959. In 1959, the ownership of CNAAS was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and was renamed Wallops Station.

The Paper Shredding Facility has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C or D.

The resource is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D. It is not associated with any event or individual significant at the local, state or national level; it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; nor does this property have any archaeological potential.

The resource has lost its integrity due to alterations to the resource and its setting. The resource's integrity of materials and workmanship has been adversely affected by the replacement of the structure's doors and windows, and the introduction of mechanical equipment around the structure. Although remaining in its historic location, the structure's integrity of setting, feeling and association has been adversely affected by the changes made to the surrounding setting of the base of which it was a part; by 2004 the majority of buildings of this period have been demolished, changing the historic character of the physical environment of the structure's historic context.

Bibliographic Documentation

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Reference #: 1

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: Giffels and Valet

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. "General Plot Plan – Auxiliary Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1942.

Reference #: 2

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1950.

Reference #: 3

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

Ownership Information

Graphic Media Documentation

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Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

CRM Event # 1,

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Date: 2004/07/99

Organization or Person: URS Group

VDHR Project ID # Associated with Event: .. 2003-0571

CRM Event Notes or Comments: 200 Orchard Ridge Drive, Suite 101
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

CRM Event # 2,

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Date: 2003/08/08

Organization or Person: URS Group

VDHR Project ID # Associated with Event: .. 2003-0571

CRM Event Notes or Comments: 7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700
Bethesda, MD 20814